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- 1. EMBASSY HAS HAD ONLY BRIEF CONTACT WITH SWISS OFFICIALS FROM POLITICAL DEPARTMENT (ZWAHLEN) AND DIVISION OF COMMERCE (LEVY) SINCE THEIR RETURN THIS WEEK FROM PARTICIPATION IN MONETARY MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON. SWISS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED OPPORTUNITY EXCHANGE VIEWS RE IEP WHILE IN WASHINGTON AND REITERATED DESIRE MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH USG ON THIS MATTER IN WASHINGTON, BRUSSELS, AND BERN.
- 2. EFFORT TO MOVE TOWARD SWISS PARTICIPATION IN IEP IS CONFIDENTIAL

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GOING FORWARD, ALTHOUGH OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MUCH

REMAINS TO BE DONE. BROAD OUTLNE OF IEP WAS SKETCHED TO NATIONAL COUNCIL (LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT) OCT 1 BY FEDERAL COUNCILOR BRUGGER, IN CHARGE OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ECONOMY. BRUGGER NOTED THAT AGREEMENT WOULD REQUIRE PARLIAMENTARY RATIFICATION AND THAT GOS DESIRED HAVE IEP ASSOCIATED WITH OECD.

- 3. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF OCTOBER 9 LEVY MENTIONED POSSIBLE OCTOBER 14 MEETING IN BRUSSELS ORGANIZED BY DAVIGNON WITH SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN, AND AUSTRIA AND POSSIBLY OTHER POTENTIAL PARITICIPANTS IN IEP. SWISS MET OCTOBER 8 IN ZURICH WITH REPS AUSTRIA AND SWEDEN. EMBASSY MAY BE ABLE OBTAIN OCTOBER 11 FURTHER INFO FROM SWISS SOURCES RE THIS MEETING AND EVOLVING SWISS ATTITUDE TOWARD INTERNATIONAL ENERGY COOPERATION.
- 4. SWISS OFFICIAL (ZWAHLEN) TOLD EMBOFF OCTOBER 8 THAT TO BEST HIS KNOWLEDGE ITALY HAD NOT YET APPROACHED SWITZERLAND RE IEP AS REQUESTED BY ECG (REF. B). HE SAID THAT LACK OF SUCH CONTACT REINFORCES SWISS DESIRE STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH US. DAVIS

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